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On January 18th, at Suction, North Kiangnan,
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On January 18th, at Hongkong, Miss VAUGHAN
(Church Missionary Society), in her 80th year.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 20TH, 1908.

CANTON and West River steam-boat officers,
talk a good deal about the good that has
been or is being accomplished in the Delta,
by the British naval assistance now being
given to the work of coping with piracy.
Where formerly such deeds of lawlessness
were of daily occurrence, very little has
been heard of them since the international
patrol was begun. British prestige has
been more than strengthened, according to
these witnesses, who claim that far inland
from the waterways the significance of the
change has been appreciated. It is to be
hoped they do not rejoice excessively, for
that is just what was needed. The scant
attention so far paid to anti-foreign mani-
festations no doubt helped to embolden the
unfriendly, who are mainly, so far as their
attitude towards foreigners is concerned,
ignorant children who need only a dangled
rod to make them good. The determined
attitude of Peking, belatedly alive to the
mischievousness of neglecting these agitators,
has had a wonderful effect in both north and
south, and we may for a time expect to feel
fewer of the irritating pinpricks that have
in the last year become far too common.
The agitators of both north and south have
been well snubbed, which was all they really
needed, and with regard to the hated pre-
sence of foreign war craft in southern
Chinese waters they appear now to be recon-

ciled to its necessity. At least we hear no
more now of indignation meetings or
protesting telegrams. With the pirates
themselves, of course, it never was a
question of politics, but always a purely
business matter, and we fear they are merely
"lying low" till the policeman leaves his
beat. This will explain the lack of
enthusiasm in the comments of the British
bluejackets who return every week end from
the waters of the Delta. They have found
their work unexciting, even tedious, and
would, of course, have preferred to have a
bolder enemy to deal with. This is not the
pleasantest season of the year to be
cruising up the local rivers, and their
brief rests at Hongkong do not assist them
to a happier appreciation of the duty that
has been thrust upon them. In accordance
with the careful policy of considering in
every possible way Chinese susceptibilities,
they overhaul only such craft as fly their
own flag, and naturally not a suspicious
laugh among them all now hoists the
British jack. One extra good result,
perhaps, will thus be attained, as all
Chinese-owned launches, honest or other-
wise, will be likely to revert to the use of
their own proper bunting. It is to be hoped
that the Customs and Chinese officials will
show their recognition of the desirability of
every craft sailing under its own true
colours.

The second plague case was recorded on
Saturday.

It is just 67 years to-day (Monday) since
Hongkong was ceded to Great Britain.

The resumption and re-entry into and upon
Survey District 102, lot No. 141, San Tin, in
the New Territories, has been cancelled by His
Excellency the Governor-in-Council.

The name of Notolingo Enomoto, Doctor of
Medicine of the University of Tokyo, has been
added to the register of medical and surgical
practitioners qualified to practise in this Colony.

The current Gazette contains a list of the
copyright works which have been publicly ex-
posed at the Court House, and the return of
books registered under section 6 of Ordinances
No. 2 of 1888.

The inquisitiveness of a colle named Lau
Ming led him into Belcher's Fort last week to
have a "look see." Corporal Barnes of the
Royal Artillery arrested him and charged him
at the Police Court on Saturday with trespass.
A fine of \$5 was imposed.

On Saturday His Majesty's cruisers "Hawke"
and "Crescent" left for England with the
paid-off crew of the flagship "King Alfred."
Before they departed Admiral Sir Arthur
Moore visited the vessels, and had the men who
had finished their commission mustered on the
quarter deck. He complimented them on their
smartness and efficiency during their commis-
sion, and wished them a pleasant voyage home.

BRITISH LAW AND CHINESE
LITIGANTS.

Here is an example of the flowery language
which they use in the Floryery Land. The
following letter, which was read at the Supreme
Court, was written by one ancient Chinese
litigant to another:—

"I could no longer endure his overbearing
behaviour and straightway charged him with
shamelessness. I said: 'Who asked you to
trust me. On Monday you and I will
both follow British law. You think you
are familiar with the ways of the Court,
and in years you have passed the rare age
of ancient times, (i.e. 70 years). I also have
unprofitably gone through a complete cycle
(i.e. 60 years). We can confront each other
in the Court; or words will not yield to each
other. . . . My humble idea was that if this
telegram said that the money had been paid into
the Court your respectible shop would be anxious to
go for the Wing Fung, and there might be a
hope that Hongkong and I might not both
lose. Then on Monday, he as plaintiff, and I as
defendant, would plead and it would thus
be necessary to wait for the arrival of
evidence from Amoy and then probably
the money need not be paid back. British
law attaches great importance to 'true
evidence.' If there is any false word said, it may
be difficult to close the case in three years, and
one's name becomes really very unenviable.
This is what I have to inform you. Pardon
for not using red paper, which is really a
matter of no great importance. I trust you
will take into consideration the fact that my
eyes are dim and writing on red paper cannot
be clearly seen by me. I beg respectfully to
inquire after your Spring health."

About three years ago Mr. Fisher Unwin
initiated a First Novel Competition, offering a
prize of £100 for the best story by a writer who
had never had a novel published. As will be
remembered the prize was won by Mrs. Balfour
Saunders with her book "Sins in Society."
Now Mr. Unwin is starting a second
competition on similar lines, for a prize of
100 guineas. For the first competition a
huge pile of manuscripts were sent in,
amounting in all to some 20,000,000 words, or
to use another standard of measurement,
approximately twelve and three-quarter miles of
typewritten paper. To judge from the names
attached to the manuscripts the games were
pretty evenly balanced among the contributors,
but the judges had reason to suspect that the
majority of many of the lady novelists had
been to adopt many names, and that there was
after all a preponderance of lady writers. This
has certainly been the case in Mr. Unwin's
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volumes, only three have been written by men.

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OBITUARY.

LONDON, January 19th.

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M.P. (L.) South Leeds since 1902; J.P. Bucks;
of late Rev. John Walton, A.A., formerly
Wesleyan Missionary in Ceylon, afterwards
Pres. of South Africa; m. 1882; Joanne,
d. of late Robt. Hedderwick, founder
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successfully, 1882; selected as Liberal Candid-
date for South Leeds, to succeed Lord Playfair,
and returned M.P. 1892; elected Bursar,
Inner Temple, 1897; Honorary member of
Sandwich, Chertsey Wood Golf Clubs;
shooting, fishing, riding.]

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

LONDON, January 19th.

In the international Rugby com-
petition, Wales scored 28 points
against England's 18.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANK DIVIDEND.

LONDON, January 16th.

The London Standard commenting on
the heavy fall in the shares of the
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, defends the
action of the Board, and says that by
raising the actual dividend to £2 for the
half year it is practically stated that the
distribution will be continued at that rate.
It must also be remembered that the
dividend now payable is upon a much
larger capital.

THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR
TO ROME.

LONDON, January 17th.

The King and Queen of Italy gave a
banquet to Mr. Takahira, at which Signor
Tittoni, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and
the Embassy staff were present.

THE MOROCCO QUESTION.

LONDON, January 17th.

It is announced in Berlin that Germany
is in favour of a neutral attitude by the
Powers in regard to the rival Sultan.
The tribes in the Marakesh region have
proclaimed a holy war and all the southern
tribes are joining.

Firmann Firms sent a message on the 13th
inst. from Tabriz, saying that he could only
hold Subjulkak for four days more.

THE GERMANIZATION OF POLAND.

LONDON, January 17th.

The Bill for the Germanization of the
Polish Provinces has passed its second
reading in the Prussian Chamber.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"CHRISTIAN SCIENCE."

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."]

January 18th 1908.

SIR,—Mr. May in your issue this morning
gives an authentic account of the dealings of
"Christian Science" with cancer and its result.
Mrs. Edyia in a published letter in the New York
Sun some years ago definitely stated that she
had healed at one visit a cancer that had so
eaten in to the flesh of the neck as to expose
the jugular vein so that it stood out like a
cord!

Will the most credulous of her followers
accept this bewildering story? It means
creation, that is, by her power, built up now
tissue out of nothing and reclothed the neck
with flesh. If they do so, argument is useless.
I have a very enlightened pamphlet on the
subject which I shall be glad to lend for
perusal.—Yours etc.,

C. V. LLOYD.

[They do accept that very story, more, they
cite it as a proof of their claims. Argument
with them is useless, but it is as well to warn
those who may be in danger of conversion to
such a dangerous fancy.—Ed.]

OLD ROMAN TREE IN TOKYO.

AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY.

There is a tree standing on the Aoyama
Parade Ground in Tokyo, where the coming
Exhibition is to be held, the value of which has
only lately been discovered. Recently General
Prince Fushimi, accompanied by Viscount
Kaneko, Director of the Exhibition, inspected
the ground, when his Highness pointed out the
valuable tree and related its history, at the
same time requesting that it should be carefully
preserved. Viscount Kaneko then knew for
the first time of the existence of such an
historical and valuable arborescent specimen.
He has caused a fence to be erected around the
tree and has photographed it and presented the
picture to the Throne.

The tree is very rare in Japan now. It is
said to have been known in Europe in the days
of ancient Rome, but its species is now extinct
in that continent. Special care will be taken
for its preservation. Investigations have been
instituted into the circumstances in which the
tree could have been planted in what is now the
parade ground. The tree will be quite an
attraction to the Exhibition.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.
The match on Saturday was between teams
over 30 and under 30 years of age. The elders
batted first, quite demolishing the juniors and
scoring an easy win by 157 runs and four wickets.
Of the total made by the elders Hinds con-
tributed 61 runs, Turner, not out, 6, and Macfar-
lane, not out, 54. Scores and analyses are:—

OVER THIRTY.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
E. H. Hinds, b. Brown	12	2	40	1
J. W. C. Bonner, b. Brown	12	2	40	1
A. R. Lowe, b. Chalmers	12	2	40	1
Major Macfarlane, not out	54			
S. S. Logan, b. Chalmers	12	2	40	1
W. C. D. Turner, not out	6			
A. O. Lang, S. Robinson, Major Stephenson and P. Jacks did not bat.				
Extras	15			
Total	137			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Claxton	12	2	40	1
Stevens	12	2	40	1
Brown	12	2	40	1
Chalmers	12	2	40	1
Hinds	12	2	40	1
Macfarlane	12	2	40	1
Turner	12	2	40	1
Extras	15			
Total	90			

UNDER THIRTY.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
W. F. Brown, b. Macfarlane	12	2	40	1
P. H. Chalmers, b. Macfarlane	12	2	40	1
F. H. Stephenson, b. Macfarlane	12	2	40	1
A. A. Claxton, b. Brown	12	2	40	1
H. R. Mackin, b. Robinson	12	2	40	1
H. Hancock, b. Robinson	12	2	40	1
J. W. Taylor, b. Robinson	12	2	40	1
S. S. Logan, b. Robinson	12	2	40	1
T. C. Gray, b. Macfarlane	12	2	40	1
G. E. Morrell, b. Robinson	12	2	40	1
A. S. Cohen, not out	11			
Extras	11			
Total	137			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Macfarlane	12	2	40	1
Robinson	12	2	40	1
Clemente, not out	14			
Extras	15			
Total	50			

KOWLOON C. CRAIGENOWER.

Played at Kowloon on Saturday, this league
match ended in a draw, Craigenower having
three wickets to fall when time was declared.
A feature of the play was the excellent batting
of Robinson who compiled 55 runs for Kowloon
before being dismissed. For Craigenower,
Bass, not out 35 also showed to advantage.
Scores and analyses are:—

KOWLOON.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bixon, c. Panton, b. Brown	17			
Robinson, c. Brown, b. Brown	55			
Lightfoot, b. Panton	11			
Macaskill, c. Macdonald, b. Lammer	23			
Mead, c. Panton, b. Macdonald	9			
Clelland, c. Brown, b. Macdonald	9			
Tilman, c. Hancock, b. Macdonald	9			
Day, c. Brown, b. Lammer	0			
Harrop, b. Lammer	7			
Edmond, b. Macdonald	0			
Clemente, not out	10			
Extras	10			
Total	133			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Brown	9	1	32	1
Evans	3		9	0
Panton	10		41	1
Lammer	30		31	4
Hancock	3		13	
Macdonald	3	1	4	4

CRAIGENOWER.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lammer, c. Robinson, b. Dixon	7			
Brown, c. Robinson, b. Macaskill	8			
Kov, c. Macaskill, b. Dixon	4			
Irving, b. Brown, b. Macaskill	4			
S. S. Logan, c. Macaskill, b. Macdonald	0			
Macdonald, c. Robinson, b. Harrop	16			
Bass, not out	35			
Hancock, not out	8			
Evans, Panton and Rose, did not bat.				
Extras	3			
Total	83			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dixon	14	4	33	2
Macaskill	13	2	35	3
Harrop	3	1	7	1

POLICE V. ROYAL ARTILLERY.

Played at Happy Valley on Saturday, this
match was won by the Artillery by three runs
and seven wickets. Scores and analyses are:—

POLICE.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pitt, b. Owen	10			
Edwards, c. Owen, b. Owen	37			
McCarthy, b. Owen	6			
Kent, c. Owen, b. Owen	3			
Fowler, b. Owen	3			
Irving, c. Owen, b. Owen	6			
Davies, c. Owen, b. Owen	7			
Cooper, b. Owen	3			
Owen, not out	8			
Edwards, c. Owen, b. Owen	1			
Extras	2			
Total	89			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Grindwell	10	1	33	5
Owen	16	1	31	2
Longbottom	12	2	10	2

ROYAL ARTILLERY.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Edwards, c. Owen, b. Owen	37			
McCarthy, b. Owen	6			
Kent, c. Owen, b. Owen	3			
Fowler, b. Owen	3			
Irving, c. Owen, b. Owen	6			
Davies, c. Owen, b. Owen	7			
Cooper, b. Owen	3			
Owen, not out	8			
Edwards, c. Owen, b. Owen	1			
Extras	2			
Total	92			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Irving	14	2	28	1
Lander	4		17	
Kent	6	1	23	1
Fowler	3		10	
Edwards	2		7	

CIVIL SERVICE V. TELEGRAPH S.

This League match took place at the Happy
Valley on Saturday afternoon and ended in a
victory for the Telegraphs, who batted first,
and thanks to fast batting by Wishart, Beattie,
and Peaks amassed the very respectable score
of 125 runs. On the Civil Service going in to
bat the score rose rapidly thanks chiefly to
some free hitting by Hiden and Hutchison and
the score stood at 72 for 5 wickets but after
this the Civil Service fell collapsed before the
bowling of Peaks, the last 5 wickets falling for
the addition of 13 runs. The defeat came, as a
shock to the Civil Service who appeared to be
confident of winning. Scores were:—

TELEGRAPHS.		
R. J. L. Wright, b Brett	.....	1
E. B. Beattie, c Dawson, b Brett	.....	2
W. A. Powell, l.b.w. b Brett	.....	3
J. D. Woods, c and b Jackman	.....	4
A. H. Young, b Hutchison	.....	5
L. J. Wishart, c Bidden, b Jackman	.....	36
J. B. Wishart, b Jackman	.....	6
Linton, c Hutchison, b Jackman	.....	7
Shields, b Hutchison	.....	8
Franklin, b Hutchison	.....	9

EVOLUTION OF HONGKONG.

[Written for the Hongkong Daily Press.]

(Continued from last Tuesday)

XVII.

Lord Elgin had not learned the first lesson of diplomacy, never to believe without tangible evidence what is being told to him. At the force was approaching Changkia Wan the Chinese commanders all at once put on a sympathetic air, and offered their services in selecting a suitable camping place. Elgin, as befitted his character, would have accepted the offer unconditionally, but Sir Hope Grant more cautiously thought he would have a little reconnaissance. To his surprise he lighted on a strong Tartar picket, who suspiciously retired on his appearance, but he saw strong bodies of cavalry carefully posted in the hollow ground about, and disturbed a number of banners bearing infantry. An ambush had been so fully prepared, and Elgin with his whole army would have quietly walked into it. But the plot had already only been too successful. Parker, Loch and a number of others attached to the intelligence staff, had been sent ahead to negotiate with a number of Chinese civil officials at Tungchoo, but a couple of miles away, and had been treacherously seized, and made prisoners, with their escort, thence they were taken on to Feking, cast into the common jail and put to the torture, under which the greater number succumbed. Lord Elgin was temporarily concerned, but Prince Kung, brother to the Emperor, being appointed to negotiate, the old farce recommenced during the progress of which most of the prisoners perished miserably. Even at the end, through the weakness of Lord Elgin, though Peking was at the mercy of the allied forces, it was never occupied, but left intact as an everlasting memorial, till 1900 at least, of how a high British diplomatist, with the ball at his feet, could yet be so jelled into allowing himself at the last moment to be checked by so innocent looking a notice as Prince Kung.

But though Lord Elgin had thus at the last moment in his softness of heart allowed himself to be openly robbed of the most important fruit of the whole expedition, he showed himself much on a par with his opponents when faced with a question concerning the arts of civilization. He whose heart was too tender to require the punishment of the officials who had tortured his countrymen to death, stood calmly by while the torch was applied to the Palace of the Yumingyuen, where were stored the priceless and irrecoverable treasures of centuries. True the plunder was commenced under a French officer, but Lord Elgin knew well beforehand what was in the wind; and a word from him would have averted the greatest crime against civilization at large of the century.

However a lesson severe enough to impress itself upon Peking for a generation had at last been delivered; China for some time was tractable, and in a halting shuffling sort of way began trying to accommodate herself to the inevitable. She would have been quicker and saved herself much after humiliation had Great Britain remembered herself the lesson of the war. She did not, Lord Elgin was followed by a series of diplomats, each as feeble and weak-kneed as himself, till at last even the stoutest began to lose heart. Still there was no recurrence for forty years of barbarities, such as the tortures of Lusitana or the burning of the Summer Palace to be revenged on either side. Fortunately a new generation has now arisen for whom these things are but history, and after a new lesson there are undoubted signs of a desire on the part of China to break away from her bad past. Whether it may arrive soon enough to avoid her final extinction as a power in Asia, is the question of the day.

But as we commenced with Hongkong with it must we finish. The separation of the Colony from the affairs of China and the British Empire generally had on the despatch of Lord Elgin's Mission, and the removal of head quarters to the capital became a matter of necessity, irrespective of the manner in which the colonial government was administered; but as we have seen, the government had not been well administered, and had become, as Lord Russell at the time is said to have designated it, an Augean Stable. New men, and new methods, now that the Colony was once and for all divorced from the seat of the Ministry, had become a necessity. Hercules Robinson, who had served with credit some minor colonial governorships, and was at the time Governor of St. Christopher and the Leeward Islands, was selected for the post and arrived in September 1859. No better choice could have been made. On the appointment, to give him more credit, he had been knighted, but he needed no extraneous title to assist him in his work. Suffices it to say, under his rule, and fortunately unfettered by Chinese traditions, the island now became a true Colony, commenced to advance. The opening of trade consequent on the new treaty, and the general advancement of China from north to south, began at last to tell in favour of the Colony. Old feuds were healed, and Hongkong no longer troubled with the quarrels of parties nor individuals put out her latent strength. Though she had now a separate and distinct existence alongside China, yet not of it, and advancing with every step in China's prosperity, she yet was in a position to take advantage of its proximity.

In consequence, so far from harbouring the fear of being at no distant period shut out from participation in the commerce of the world, she now, able to boast of being almost the equal in point of shipping of the largest ports and has direct steam communication with nearly every shipping port under the sun.

This is the moral of our story; needlessly long perhaps, but well deserving to be studied and acted on as long as great Britain lives up to her tradition, and remains a great Power in the Pacific, so long must Hongkong continue to grow in wealth and prestige. Long may she continue faithful to the traditions of Empire.

THE END.

ANGLO-CHINESE DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

The annual distribution of prizes of the Anglo-Chinese District Schools took place at the Western School on Saturday morning. Their Excellencies the Governor and Lady Lugard presiding. There was a large attendance which included Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Inspector of Schools, Mr. A. Morris, head of the Saiyungpun School, Mr. W. B. Moore, master of the Yau-mat school, Mr. Yeung Hae, principal of the Wantai school, Brother Sylvester, Director of St. Joseph's College, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Vogel, Mr. Wilkinson, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Green, Mrs. Hewart and Miss Bird. On arrival Their Excellencies, who were accompanied by Mr. A. J. Brackenbury, were met by the Inspector of Schools and conducted to a platform erected near the centre of the room. The proceedings opened by a young scholar reciting "The Fox and the Grapes," and then the heads read their school reports as under—

SAIYUNG-PUN SCHOOL.

Mr. MORRIS: The increase in attendance during the year under review is unparalleled in the annals of the school. In 1906 the average attendance was 97 for the working portion of the school year, i.e. from reopening after the Chinese New Year vacation, to the end of December; while for 1907 it is 219, or an increase of 125.7 per cent. The revenue is also proportionately greater; \$1907 were collected as fees in 1906, while for the year just closed, the aggregate is \$4496, representing an increase of 135.7 per cent. A notable and commendable feature of the attendance, is the comparatively large number, who have made "full attendance"; they total 21. At the beginning of the year, the staff was strengthened by the appointment of three assistants—one to each of grades 3, 5 and 7; and during the current year, we hope to have an additional English master. Great credit is due to the teachers for their loyal co-operation in bringing the year's work to a successful and satisfactory termination, and for their efforts in raising the school to its present flourishing state. They have carried out their respective duties under considerable disadvantage,—dificulties which have been real and doubly difficult and irksome,—through the very limited floor space at their disposal, and it is sincerely hoped that the proposed enlargement of the premises by the addition of a "storey", will be put in hand as early as is practicable. At the hygiene examination, held in December, the school did well, with Yau-mat for second place. As in previous years, the usual excursions and picnics were conducted, and the instruction in swimming was keenly appreciated. Football has claimed a fair share of attention, and matches have been regularly played between the district schools. The customary half yearly and annual examinations were held, and the results are, on the whole, good. A report on each boy's work was duly forwarded to the parent or guardian. The report of the Inspector of Schools has not been received yet, but he will, no doubt, refer in the course of his remarks to the impressions which he formed on the general condition of the work of the school.

WANTAI SCHOOL.

Mr. YEUNG HAE: The staff was, at the beginning of 1907, strengthened by the addition of two assistant masters, one V and one VI grade, so that the staff for the year has been seven assistants and myself. I take this opportunity of publicly thanking my assistants for their hearty co-operation in bringing the past year's work to a successful issue. The attendance has again greatly improved when compared with that of 1906. On the 1st January, there were 119 names on the school roll. On re-assembling after the New Year vacation, 96 of the old scholars returned, and 123 out of 129 new applicants were admitted. During the course of the year, 48 additional boys were enrolled, bringing the total for the year to 290, being an increase of 74 upon that of the previous year. For various reasons, 86 left, and of these, about one half entered Queen's College; many found situations with local commercial firms, and a number, through poverty, were unable to pay the necessary fees. The maximum monthly enrolment was 230 and the number on roll at the end of the year was 204. The school was open on 230 days, and the average daily attendance for the "actual" school year was 219, as compared with 143 for the preceding year, 42 boys registered the full attendance. The fees collected amount to \$4,176, which is an increase of 38 per cent. upon that of 1906, and 78 per cent. upon that of 1905. The apparatus in the school is satisfactory; 75 final desks are now in use, and more have been provided for in the estimates for the current year. In view of the continued and steady growth of the school, more desks will be required when the school building has been extended as is proposed. A covered shed for a gymnasium has been erected on the playground; but owing to lack of accommodation, it has been temporarily utilized as a class room. Simple physical drill and exercises have been taught during the cool seasons, and were keenly appreciated by the boys. The pupils made many excursions to various places of interest in the Colony during the summer months which have proved most instructive and also fostered much valuable assistance to the teaching of the local Geography and English Colloquial. The Normal Class under the supervision of the head masters of the three District Schools was conducted here during the first term and much useful work was done. The scholars' eyes were examined by Dr. Jordan and over 90 per cent of them were diagnosed as suffering from trachoma. Fortunately 55 per cent of the cases were pronounced "mild," 32 per cent "bad" and only 4 per cent "very bad." Most of the cases have since been treated. A team from this school took part in the Hygiene competition, but owing to the usual exodus of scholars from the higher classes at midsummer, the field of choice

was limited and consequently we only gained the 4th place. The innovation of a half holiday on Wednesday has been much appreciated both by masters and scholars. Football continues to be the favourite pastime, and much enthusiasm is displayed in the matches with other schools. The regular half-yearly and annual examinations have been held and the results communicated to the boys' guardians and their relatives. The Inspector of Schools made his usual inspection last month; but his report is not yet to hand. In conclusion, Sir, I trust I may be allowed to express the hope that the proposed enlargement of the school be put in hand as early as possible.

YAU-MAT SCHOOL.

Mr. MOORE: At the commencement of the school the staff consisted of Mr. W. Curwin, Head master, Mr. J. C. Parkin, Assistant master and five Chinese assistant masters. On October 1st Mr. J. C. Parkin resigned and I was appointed to fill the vacancy. Then soon after Mr. Curwin, the headmaster left for England on a year's well earned leave, and I was appointed to act during his absence. In the early part of the year an addition was made to the staff by the appointment of Mr. Lo Pak-yeung, as assistant vocational master. I have nothing but praise for the work of the staff and the way in which they assisted me. I should like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Morris for his kind help and advice. Fees have increased from \$9,55 to \$14,79 and the average daily attendance has risen from 171 to 185. The highest number in attendance was 231 in May and the lowest 162 in January. Empire day was celebrated in the usual way and during the year excursions were made along the new road to the new Kowloon—Rosaire, Railway Tunnel, Catalwater, etc. The teaching of hygiene was continued this year with very good results.

In the term examination this school tied with Saiyung-pun school for second place, and it is not been that two of the best pupils were ill, we might have done better still. The four scholarships at Queen's College were all taken by our boys.

1st Lo Kwong Fuk obtained 81 per cent marks.
2nd Pang Fung I 83
3rd Yeung Ki Sam 81
4th Young King Chan 85

Football is the only recreation at present to be had by the boys, and in this they have made remarkable improvement. Owing to the impossibility of competing for the schools shield with any commensurate success, it was decided to drop out of the League and endeavour to obtain a cup for the three District Schools. Mr. Wolfe, Inspector of Schools, however, has kindly offered a very handsome cup for this purpose. In concluding, I would like to refer to Mr. Curwin's closing remarks last year. He said that this school was built to accommodate 200 pupils, and the average number paying fees during the last nine months of that year was 203 so that the question of enlargement would soon have to be considered. During the past year the average number has been 220. It would appear, therefore, much more necessary now that the number is so much larger.

Mr. WOLFE then passed some remarks on the three schools and their working in 1907, and dwelt on the manners of the boys when out of school. He told them that if they were European dress, they should adopt the manners that go with it. They should take off their hats when they met their teachers, and when speaking to the master they should not stand with their hands in their trouser pockets. Neither when addressing anyone should they fold their arms. The Inspector of Schools concluded his address by asking the Governor to present the prizes.

His EXCELLENCY—Ladies and gentlemen, Within the last day or two I have had the pleasure of distributing prizes at one or two of the large schools in this Colony, which are under the auspices of the Mission Societies. Today, for the first time, I come amongst you and I have the pleasure of distributing the prizes in this group of Government Schools, which I usually call the District Schools, and in this I feel naturally as head of the Government a special interest and special responsibility, and although I have been so short a time in the Colony I venture to add a special pride. (Applause.) The report of the three headmasters to which we have just listened and the report of the Inspector of Schools, as I think we will all agree, exceedingly satisfactory (Applause).

In the matter of attendance these schools have increased wonderfully. The Wantai School has increased from 146 last year to 210 this year, in average attendance. The Saiyung-pun School, which had an attendance of only forty-four the year before last, more than doubled that last year, and has an average attendance of ninety-seven, and this year has again more than doubled its attendance and has an average of 219. Yau-mat, which had an attendance the year before last of 98, nearly doubled that last year, the attendance being 171, and this year it has increased to 185. The total of these, including the small village school of Tungyungshan, gives a total of 614 boys belonging to this group of Government District Schools. The Inspector of Schools has just said a few words about your behaviour out of school hours. I would like you to feel that you are a group of schools which are so closely associated together as preparatory to Queen's College, that you should have a feeling that you belonged as it were to one public school which is in three different groups, and that you should feel that you have a dignity and a position to maintain, as boys of the District Schools, which would make you ashamed to look slovenly or to do mean things or to behave out of school hours, in any way which is not suitable to the Government Schools of this Colony. (Applause.) With the remarkable increase in numbers which I have just spoken of there has been some difficulty for the Government to keep pace. Yau-mat

is largely newly-built but we have just heard from the Acting Headmaster that they still require playgrounds and even further extensions. Wantai requires two extra rooms for which we have provision in this year's estimates. Saiyung-pun is to have a new story for which we also have provision in this year's estimates. The public works department of this Colony is presided over by a gentleman whose ability and courtesy is only qualified by his readiness to oblige in all matters regarding education, in which as Scotsman, I am sure he is particularly interested (Applause). I do not think he will need much pressure from me to put his work in hand as quickly as possible, and have it done in a thoroughly efficient and workmanlike manner (Applause). The Inspector of Schools has rightly said that the proficiency in work which has been attained in the last year is due and must be due to the excellent work of the Headmasters and Staffs of the Schools, and that this result is largely due to the increase which has been made in these staffs during the past year. Wantai has now seven Chinese masters, and Saiyung-pun has two English masters and also a staff of seven Chinese masters. The apparatus, too, has been very largely increased, and I am glad to see you appreciate these newly introduced desks. I am glad to see in the reports that stress is laid on the fact that the apparatus in the schools is thoroughly efficient and useful (Applause). The Inspector of Schools mentioned in his report just now and has also told me verbally that he is glad to note among these three schools a keen rivalry both in work and sports. That is a matter which I hear with great pleasure, and that friendly emulation will be my object in every way I can to stimulate and encourage (Applause). I am very glad too to learn from him that he thinks the large increase in numbers has been paralleled by the increase and proficiency in studies and I am glad to see too that he spoke of satisfactory progress in English colloquial. There is an Arabic proverb, which says—"that every new tongue that is acquired gives you new personality." I would like Chinese boys to remember that by learning English you learn to understand the thoughts, the literature, and the character of the English nation. I regret that I do not speak Chinese myself; I have not been long enough in the Far East to acquire so difficult a language, but I would like to be able to understand the thoughts, the literature, and the character of the Chinese as I feel I can never do until I know Chinese (Applause). Last year the Inspector of Schools, Mr. Irving, I did great stress upon the fact that numbers of boys entered for Queen's College, and this point has been again taken up by Mr. Wolfe, and I should like to see in the annual report of each school each year the number given of entries to Queen's College in that year, and I shall study with great interest the comparative numbers and I hope the three schools will in this matter also emulate each other and pass in as many as they can to Queen's College. I dare say there are present to-day some of the parents of the boys and I would say there is no gift which a father can give to a son which is greater and more important than this education. An entry to Queen's College would mean that it is the intention of the father to keep his boy three or four more years at school so that he can reach a higher standard of education. This is more valuable than an early partnership in business or even a large fortune in dollars, for a boy who leaves school early can only in after life obtain some second or third rate appointment. Boys who acquire a good education and a colloquial knowledge of English have open to them many appointments in mercantile houses, in the Government of the Colony, and also in China, and here again I will say as I have said more than once lately that it is our object in these Government Schools as well as in most schools to train boys not merely for our own Colony, but for work in the great Empire of China to which their people belong. There will also, I hope, be many opportunities for employment when the railway which is now being built across the water is completed, and there will be more opportunities opening for boys on completion of the various railways, now being built in China. Boys I wish you very happy holidays, and as Chinese New Year is not coming very shortly I wish you also a Happy New Year (Loud Applause) then presented the prizes, and on conclusion of his task Mr. Wolfe proposed a vote of thanks to His Excellencies for attending, which the scholars seconded amid great applause. The proceedings ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

THE THREATENED BOYCOTT.

The N. C. Daily News of January 13th says: As was stated in our issue of Saturday, a cold had been discovered circulating leaflets in the Settlements and Shanghai Bank and a foreign firm after the Chinese New Year, unless the Chekiang Railway loan proposal had in the meantime been withdrawn. The leaflets in question emanated from the Sing Yi Savings Bank and were to the following effect:—

"As the draft agreement made with the British Corporation for the construction of the Kiangnan Chienyang Railway has not been cancelled, a matter really affecting in a great measure the rights and privileges of the people of our country, this Bank has now formulated a most substantial plan of opposition, which we respectfully present for the information of our brethren as follows:—If by the end of the Chinese 12th moon (January) this draft agreement be not cancelled, this Bank will, without fail, issue in the last moon of next year an express, calling upon the people of all the Treaty ports to stop using the Banknotes of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. We must stand firm and not give way a single step. We think our brethren will agree with our aims and pray that preparations for putting this plan into effect be quickly made."

Mr. Manager of the Sing Yi Bank, who accepted responsibility for this document, had been printed in a registered printing shop in Hongkong, was accordingly, arrested by the Police on Saturday and will come before the Mixed Court this morning. Several thousand copies of the leaflet were found at his house. It is believed that Yin, who was at one time a censor, can claim superior rank to Mr. Pao, the Mixed Court Magistrate, and in this case he will be tried by the Shanghai Taotai, His Honour M. T. Liang.

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In connexion with the same matter, it is reported that orders have been received by the Taotai from Peking to effect the arrest of four prominent Chinese residents in the Settlement, who are held there to have contemplated the agitation against the Railway loan or to have failed to prevent it from being started in Shanghai. Two of these men are connected with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and one of them was conspicuous in inaugurating the American Boycott.

Yesterday morning the following advertisement appeared in the principal Chinese papers in the Settlement:—

"A most important notice issued by the Shanghai (Chinese) General Chamber of Commerce for the information of all:—

We have received at the moment a secret dispatch from Provincial Judge Jui stating that he has heard that in order to oppose the railway loan the Sing Yi Savings Bank has printed and disseminated an 'Express' to the effect that commencing with next year (February, 1908) notes issued by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank are not to be used and that business with another foreign bank shall also be stopped. As it is feared that such action may create trouble and complications, this Chamber is asked to lose no time in ordering the Bank in question to stop doing so. The Chamber has also heard of this matter. Now with regard to the Railway question, representatives (of the two provinces concerned) are already in Peking consulting with the Waiwun as to the best way of doing things. Indeed the gentry and people of Shanghai are even now looking to British merchants to act in an intelligent and judicious manner and to co-operate with the Chinese and Chienyang in borrowing money. Such being the case, how can we Chinese Merchants act, on the other hand, in an unintelligent manner, and so endanger the safety and well being of trade? For this reason this Chamber hastens to inform the members of the various trades and professions at once to destroy and burn the Expresses issued by the said (Sing Yi Savings) Bank that may have been received by them. On the other hand this Chamber has already discovered the truth of the subject of Provincial Judge Jui's dispatch and had sent a warning to the Savings Bank in question to lose no time in destroying any Expresses in its hands that have not yet been disseminated.

A special Notice to all concerned which it is to be trusted will be borne in mind by every one.

In view of this repudiation by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the salutary steps taken by the Municipal Police, it is to be hoped, as much in the interests of the Chinese themselves as of others, that the Settlement will have heard the last of the proposed boycott as soon as Yin's case has been settled. In the absence of more explicit evidence against them, there would seem to be little to gain from further action against the men arrested under orders from Peking. The Central Government will have asserted its authority and its prompt action should, certainly, be a warning to others. On the 14th it reports:—With the issue of the Taotai's Proclamation which appears as a Municipal Notification in another column, there is little chance of the suggested boycott of British trade being carried beyond the first stage. The directness of speech and firmness shown in the Proclamation are in striking contrast with the somewhat equivocal notice issued on Sunday by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and we welcome the prompt action taken by his Honour M. T. Liang to cope with a movement that in the end would have proved prejudicial to Chinese as to foreigners. It would be idle to ignore the possibilities of the anti-loan campaign, which under official auspices (i.e. at the provincial centres) might lead to serious complications; but in view of the attitude of the Peking Government and of the fact that it is to the interest of the commercial element in these provinces to have good relations between the foreign and Chinese sections maintained, we may hope that the worst is over.

THE CHINESE PRESS.

Perhaps the most promising sign of a new leaf being turned in the history of this unfortunate incident, is the decision that the local Chinese Press is reported to have arrived at, not to publish anything further that is calculated to rouse the feeling of the populace. Of late the cartoons in the Chinese papers have been characterized by considerable violence and have, probably, created far more anti-foreign sentiment than Yin's abortive pamphlet. Much ground will have to be made up if the editors propose to try to counteract the evil already done; but the decision arrived at on Sunday evening cannot fail to have some effect.

THE ADDITIONAL WARRANTS.

As stated in our issue of yesterday, orders for the arrest of four prominent Chinese residents have been received from Peking, and the necessary warrants have been issued by the Shanghai Taotai. One of the offenders, the hero of the American Boycott, is in the native city and pleads illness. It is not known whether the arrests will be effected, as it is the wish of all the foreigners concerned that the incident should now be allowed to pass without further notice. An attempt has been made to promote a strike among the Chinese shops in the Settlement as a protest against the arrest of Yin, but the movement is said to have been laughed out of court.

THE PROCEEDING IN COURT.

Jung Sen-yung (alias Yin) appeared in court in Mixed Court yesterday morning before Mr. Pao (Assistant Magistrate) and Mr. S. Barton (British Assessor), charged with having caused (British Assessor) circulated in the Settlement a circular, the contents of which are of such a nature as to be an incitement to disorder and menace to the peace and good order of the Settlement.

Mr. Springfield appeared for the police. Mr. T. Morgan Phillips, Counsel for defendant, said that an arrangement had been made to hand the accused over to the Taotai for trial, and it appeared to Counsel that that was the best arrangement that could be made in the interests of all parties. It was admitted that the defendant caused the leaflets to be published.

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Hongkong, 8th January, 1908.

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Mr. Springfield said that he had instructions to point out that these leaflets might have caused serious trouble—

At this point the Assessor said that the Court knew all the circumstances of the case, and the Court did not wish to hear any evidence because the accused had admitted the truth of the charge.

Mr. Springfield said that he desired to point out that the office that printed the leaflets was the one that printed seditious literature in 1905.

The Court desired further information concerning the printing office and Inspector Chilvers said that the owner of the shop was employed at the Presbyterian Mission Press and only came occasionally to the shop, which was situated at No. 652, Park Road. The proprietor's name was Hung Yung-choo, and the shop was known as Hung Yung-choo. Hung, when spoken to about the leaflets, said that he had received an order from the bank to print 20,000. That number was printed and delivered at the bank. Hung had not come to the Court, but he promised to do so.

The Court ordered that the accused should be handed over to the Taotai to be dealt with. Mr. Springfield protested against the way in which the case had been rushed through. The Assessor replied that an opportunity to protest would be given elsewhere.

Yung Yung-choo, the working manager of the printing shop, then came before the Court charged with being concerned in printing the above matter.

The Court questioned accused, who said that the owner of the shop was in Hankow and his son was temporarily in charge at the time; a shroff from the Sin Yi Bank came there with an order for the leaflets to be printed. The shroff came to accused and accused replied that he would not do the work; but the shroff said that the bank would take all responsibility in the matter.

The proprietor's son was employed at the Presbyterian Mission Press, not the proprietor. The Court cautioned the accused and ordered that at the printing office should be sealed up and the circulars confiscated.

Inspector Chilvers applied for a warrant for the arrest of the proprietor of the printing office and the Court said that it would consider the application.

The Bank Manager, Jung Sen-yung, was subsequently driven to the Taotai's Yamen by Magistrate Wong, accompanied by a native detective of the Shanghai Municipal Police.

AMERICAN TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA.

Washington December 15.

The return just issued on the trade relations of the United States and Great Britain for the ten months ended with last October shows that of the exports valued at \$398,000,000 from the United States to British territory goods to the amount of \$468,500,000 went to the United Kingdom, \$161,000,000 to Canada (against \$119,500,000 in 1905) and \$22,500,000 to Australia.

In commenting on Australian trade the return says that manufacturers from the United States are popular, and are making gains in many cases over those from the United Kingdom. In shafting the Americans now have the trade formerly in the hands of the English; in tools American competition has been very successful, and the gains of American manufacturers generally are attributed to the disinclination of British manufacturers to adapt their goods to the Australian market. Of some American tools it is also said that their success is not due so much to the prices as to their attractive appearance and get-up.

In Australia American manufacturers are rapidly obtaining control of the market for agricultural implements, machinery, electrical supplies, and miscellaneous ironmongery, although in the latter they have encountered sharp German competition.

Communications regarding Advertisements, Subscriptions, Printing, Binding, etc., should be addressed to the Manager, Daily Press only, and special business matters to the Editor.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

Orders for extra copies of DAILY PRESS should be sent in before 11 a.m. on day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited. Only supplied for Cash.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

REMOVAL.

THE Office of the Underigned has this day REMOVED from No. 7, QUEEN'S ROAD, to the South West corner of the Third Floor, of HONG KONG MASTERS.

WM. DANBY.
M. Inst. C.E.
Hongkong, 20th January, 1908.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information has been received from the Military Authorities that MUSKETRY FIELD FIRING will be carried out on TUESDAY, the 21st instant, from Hammer Hill in the direction of Chin Lan Chu, from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1908.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY have submitted to the Government revised plans showing the route of the proposed New Tramway from the Queen's Road end of Battery Path via GLENELG VALLEY to the PEAK. The route now proposed is the lower part of the North-eastern edge of the Public Gardens and then passing on trees along their Western extremity, and within 100 yards of the Roman Catholic Cathedral crosses Robinson Road about 30 yards to the East of its junction with Conduit Road. Continuing upwards it passes within 120 yards of Inland Lot No. 1588 and adjoins the Peak Road opposite Inland Lot No. 1146, joining that to the Eastern slope of Victoria Peak.

Owners of adjacent property and the general public who may be interested in the effect of the Tramway upon the Public Gardens can inspect the plans and drawings at the Office of the Director of Public Works for a period of one month from this date between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

By Command,
F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1908.

BY DIRECTION OF THE REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

MESSRS. HUGHES AND HOUGH, Government Auctioneers, have received Instructions to sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 23rd January, 1908, at 12 o'clock Noon at their Auction Room, No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central, IN ONE LOT, the Leasehold Properties known and Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 341 and the Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 32 with the premises thereon known as Nos. 19, 23, 25, 27 and 29 SHELLEY STREET.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the Registrar of the Supreme Court and from Messrs. S. MOUTRIE & Co., Ltd. Price \$2,000.

DEACON, LOCKER & DEACON.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1908.

SWATOW DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS.

WRECK OF "S. S. 'YIKSANG'."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the wreck of the British Steamer "YIKSANG" is reported as SUNK off the East Brother, approximate position East Brother W.S.W. 1 Mile.

A. HOLZ,
Harbour Master.

Approved:
A. H. HARRIS,
Acting Commissioner of Customs.
Swatow, 17th January, 1908.

SANITARY BOARD OFFICE.

Hongkong.

OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS and VENTILATION BY-LAWS (as amended), every domestic building or part of such building within the CENTRAL Division of the City of Victoria, and the WESTERN Division of Kowloon occupied by members of more than one family, except those within the European Reservation or in Kowloon South of Austin Road or those parts of a domestic building used as a Shop, Store or Godown, must be CLEANSED and LIME-WASHED THROUGHOUT by the owner during the months of December and January.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in this notice means that the houses should be lime-washed in respect of all the walls of each room and staircase, all outside partitions, stair casings and stair linings, all ceilings and the undersides of roofs both in main buildings, offices and servants' quarters and inclusive of verandahs.

The backyard should have its containing walls lime-washed up to the level of the first floor.

Carved, painted or polished woodwork in good condition, however, need not be lime-washed, but must be cleaned.

The Central Division of the City lies between Gilman Street and Peel Street on the East and Tank Lane and Cleverly Street on the West. Kowloon is divided into the Eastern and Western divisions by Robinson Road and a straight line drawn from the North and thereof through the Yau Ma Tei Reservoir to the Northern boundary of Kowloon.

The Government Lime-washing Contractor is prepared to cleanse and lime-wash floors at the rate of \$1.10 per floor on application being made to the Secretary of the Sanitary Board.

G. A. WOODCOCK,
Secretary.
Dated this 11th day of January, 1908.

NOTICE.

THE only Edition of the RACE BOOK and PROGRAMME authorized by the Stewards of the JOCKEY CLUB are those printed by Messrs. NORMAN & CO. T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1908.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of the late CHAN HUNG SYK 陳衡石 and of the late YAU KAI MEE 游介眉 in the Firm of HIMLY & CO. having ceased on the 31st December, 1907, Mr. CHAN CHEW 陳樸 has been admitted a PARTNER as from the 1st day of January, 1908.

HIMLY & CO.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1908.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 28th January, 1908, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 20th January to TUESDAY, the 28th January (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.
General Agents for the
WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1908.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th January to TUESDAY, the 28th January (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1908.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE ELEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, St. GEORGE'S BUILDING, No. 8, Connaught Road, on WEDNESDAY, 29th January, 1908, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1907, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 25th January, until WEDNESDAY, the 29th January, 1908, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1908.

RUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux Road, Central, on FRIDAY, 31st January, 1908, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 25th January to 15th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
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Hongkong, 17th January, 1908.

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Hongkong, 1st October, 1907.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 28th January, 1908, at 11.15 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 21st January to TUESDAY, the 28th January (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY B. NORTHCOTE,
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Hongkong, 15th January, 1908.

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AUCTION ROOMS, No. 2, Zettland Street, Kowloon.

Apply to—
LEIGH & ORANGE,
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Hongkong, 7th January, 1908.

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PER 1st January, One OFFICE ROOM on Second Floor, Prince's Buildings.
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A HOUSE in CLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit Road.

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Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1908.

TO LET.

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PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE

MRS. GILLANDERS

"CLAREMONT,"
2 & 4, KENNEDY ROAD.
Hongkong, 9th February, 1907.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship.

"NIPPON,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that Cargo will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Office of the Underigned before Noon on the 23rd inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 23rd inst., will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1908.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"AUSTRIA,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

From Trieste ex s.s. "Espero" transhipped at Trieste.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Office of the Underigned before Noon on the 23rd inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 23rd inst., will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1908.

THE RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

ST. PETERSBURG.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PETRONIA,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd inst., at 9.30 a.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 27th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the underigned.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1908.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PRINZ HEINRICH,"
having arrived, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd inst., at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 26th inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the underigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1908.

BANKS

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CAPITAL FULLY PAID UP...Sh. Tals 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
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INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts.
DEPOSITS received on terms which may be
learned on application. Every description of
Banking and Exchange business transacted.

A. KOEHN,
Manager.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. 24

THE BANK OF INDIA
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £1,200,000
RESERVE FUND £1,475,000
RESERVE LIABILITIES OF PROPR-
TORS £1,200,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts
at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the
Daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 per cent.
for 6 " 3 1/2 "
for 3 " 3 "
JOHN ARMSTRONG,
Manager.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1908. 115

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,125,000
PAID UP £625,000
RESERVE FUND £170,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts
at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the
Daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:
For 12 months 4 per cent.
For 6 " 3 1/2 per cent.
For 3 " 3 per cent.
EVAN ORMISTON,
Manager.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1907. 23

THE

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK
LIMITED.

CAPITAL PAID-UP Yen 24,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS 15,500,000
BRANCHES AND AGENTS:
Tokyo, Kobe, Osaka,
Nagasaki, London, Lyons,
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HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the daily balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months 5 1/2 per annum
" " " 6 " 4 1/2 "
" " " 3 " 3 1/2 "
TAKEO TAKAMICHI,
Manager.

Hongkong, 25th September, 1907. 560

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-
MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY).
ESTABLISHED 1824.

PAID UP CAPITAL FL. 45,000,000 (€2,750,000)
RESERVE FUND " FL. 5,378,375 (€248,000)

HEAD OFFICE: AMSTERDAM.
HEAD-AGENCY: BATAVIA.

Branches:—Singapore, Penang, Shanghai,
Rangoon, Samarang, Sourabaya, Chiohron,
Tegay, Pecalangan, Paseroenan, Tjilatjap,
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Radja, (Achoen) Bandjermasin.
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THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK,
LIMITED.

The Bank buys and sells and receives for
collection Bills of Exchange, issues letters of
credit on its Branches and Correspondents in
the East, on the Continent, and in Great
Britain, America, and Australia, and transacts
Banking Business of every description.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Accounts 2 1/2 per annum on daily
balance.
On Fixed Deposits 12 months 4 1/2 per annum
" 6 " 3 1/2 "
" 3 " 3 "
J. L. VAN HOUTEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1907. 25

BANKS

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is
conducted by the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
Interest on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2
Per Cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option
balances \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 Per Cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH
Chief Manager.

HONGKONG, 12th January 1907. 21

NEDERLANDSCH-INDISCHE
HANDELSBANK.

(NETHERLANDS INDIA COMMERCIAL BANK)
ESTABLISHED 1863.

Authorised Capital FL. 15,000,000 (€1,250,000)
Subscribed Capital FL. 10,000,000 (€833,333)
Reserve Fund FL. 2,112,500 (€176,042)

HEAD OFFICE: AMSTERDAM.
SUB-OFFICE: THE HAGUE.
HEAD-AGENCY: BATAVIA.

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THE BANK buys and sells and receives for
collection Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of
Credit payable in all important places of the
World and transacts every description of
Banking and Exchange business.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the Rate of 2 1/2 per
annum on the Daily Balance.
On Fixed Deposits: 12 months 4 1/2 per annum.
" 6 " 3 1/2 "
" 3 " 3 "
J. BOETTJE Manager.

No. 16, Des V. V. Road Central

THE BANK OF TAIWAN LIMITED
(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL
CHARTER)

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED Yen 5,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP 3,750,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEH, FORMOSA.

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Swatow, Shanghai.

HONGKONG OFFICE:
8, Des VOUX ROAD.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts
Deposits received on terms which may be
on application.

D. TOHDOW, Manager.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1907. 1750

INTERNATIONAL BANKING
CORPORATION.

Fiscal Agents of the United States in China,
the Philippine Islands, and the
Republic of Panama.

CAPITAL PAID UP Gold \$3,250,000
RESERVE FUND about Mex. \$2,900,000
" Gold \$2,250,000
" about Mex. \$5,900,000

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LONDON OFFICE: Threadneedle House, E.C.

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NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND
LIMITED.

THE CAPITAL & COUNTRIES BANK, LIMITED.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS all over the World.

The Corporation transacts every description of
Banking and Exchange business, receives
money Current Account at the Rate of 2 1/2
per annum on Daily balance and accepts
Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—
For 12 months 4 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 6 " 3 1/2 "
For 3 " 3 "
No. 9, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong.
W. M. ANDERSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, 24th July, 1907. 1699

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS:—
STERLING \$1,000,000
SILVER \$1,750,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS 10,000,000
\$21,750,000

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BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of Two per
cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1908. 20

COTTON.

Advices from New Orleans state that the
Farmers' Union will submit to farmers a plan
to reduce the acreage of cotton in 1908 in order
to secure fifteen cents per pound and to
withhold four to six million bales of 1907
cotton until fifteen cents is obtained.

No definite conclusion as to the value of
indigenous cotton, as compared with American
and Egyptian varieties has been arrived at by
the Agricultural Department in the Punjab.
The Egyptian variety appears to deserve an
extended trial in the south-west of the Province
and opinions of many of the firms approached
are distinctly favourable to American cotton.

Concurrently with these operations attempts
have been made to improve the indigenous
variety, but these have not yet been attended
with marked success, but will be continued.

Some highly interesting experiments with
exotic cotton were made last year in Burma.
In the Sagoing District, experiments were made
with six varieties of cotton, Texas, Bary, Santa
Carolina, Russell's Big Boll, Excalibur, King's
and Sea Island cotton. With the exception of
the last named the experiments were a success.
The samples were all superior to the indigenous
Burmes cotton, but there appears to be a ten-
dency to degeneration. A portion of the seed
from this crop will be grown this year on the
Manday Experimental Station.

An interesting addition to the "Memoirs of
the Department of Agriculture in India" is a
volume on the Indian cottons, by Mr. G. A.
Gammie, Economic Botanist to the Government
of Bombay. The author holds that the parent
of all the existing varieties of Indian cotton is
the Kosi of Gujarat, "the most widely dis-
tributed wild and cultivated cotton in the old
world." One of the objects of the memoir is
to set forth a classification of the Indian cottons,
and to assist in this attempt a great number of
beautiful illustrations of the varieties of cotton
are given.

During the three years 1897-98 to 1899-1900
the exports of cotton seed from India averaged
1,816 tons per annum with a declared value of
Rs. 48 per cent. By the three years ended 1906
07 the average exportation had increased one
hundred fold (81,736 tons), and the declared
value per ton (Rs. 339) by 23 per cent. Indian
cotton as picked yields about 70 per cent. seed,
and accepting the estimated cotton of cotton
as correct, the total of stock of ginned cotton
seed available in India during 1906 07 is given
as 1,840,500 tons, and the annual average of the
last five years as 1,402,000 tons. It appears,
therefore, from the foregoing statements that
only 10 per cent. of the cotton seed in India
was exported in 1906-07, and that the remain-
der more than 15,000 tons available for the
manufacture of oil and higher products, such
as asphalt, as well as cake and meal for
cattle feed and fertilising purposes, the ap-
proximate value of this 14 million tons of seed
being 44 millions sterling.

In order to improve the production of cotton
in the United Provinces, India, the local
Government is distributing to cultivators cotton
seed of the country varieties, and also
acclimatized American seed of the upland type.
During the year ending June 1907, indigenous
cotton seed was not much distributed, as the
people are generally averse to taking Govern-
ment seed. In the matter of American
acclimatized seed results are, however, more
gratifying. Cultivators were found willing to
take the Government seed, and although they
did not sow the whole of it, they gained all the
produce at home, and only asked the department
to market the fibre. The Government believe
that they have saved the seed for sowings, and
if this turns out to be the case, the future of
this crop will be most promising. Further
quantities of acclimatized cotton seed were
issued from the agricultural station during the
year to some 3,000 lbs.; the cleaned cotton col-
lected during the year fetched five annas a
pound when the local cotton was selling at three
annas. A sample of ten bales of the cotton
grown from acclimatized seed in Allahgarh has
been sent by the department to a spinning mill
for test on a large scale, the results of which
will be announced in the course by the authorities.

WU TING-FANG.

From the land of joss-pavilions,
Where the poppy-smoking millions
Sit in flaccid contemplation of their little
dudgy gods,
Where they flee from devil-waggons
And they still believe in dragons
And the pig-tailed population are alike as peas
in a pod,
Comes a gentleman of unctious
To our Diplomatic Function.

With an Irish sense of humour and an Anglo-
Saxon "sand,"
With a wit by practise heightened
And a point of view enlightened
(Which is more than many statesmen have in
our enlightened land)
So it's sing-song, ting-aling, Wu Ting-Fang,
Welcome back to Washington to live up the
gang.

Though your satire is emphatic
And not always diplomatic,
You're a pretty decent Yankee, Mr. Wu Ting-Fang,
Though he visits many houses
In the alkies of blouses,
Though his bonnet has a button and his pig-tail
is immense,
In an English far from pidgin
He can argue on religion
And can talk of golf and baseball with a fund
of common sense.

Mr. Bryce on our dominions
Has advanced some keen opinions,
Mr. Wu has made some lively observations on
the same.

Which, for pungency and tartness
And an Oriental smartness,
Makes the Anglo-Irish member seem a trifle
trite and tame.
So it's ding-dong come-along, Wu Ting-Fang,
You can speak the English language with a
snippy-snappy tang.

You have seen our courts and love-
lies,
Tried our health-food, read our novels,
And you still survive to tell it, Mr. Wu Ting-Fang;
Though his boycott still may rattle,
Twice a kick upon the ankle,
Which his noble Uncle Sammy may forgive
—or else to get.

Let's not take it hard or care if
He is sore about our tariff,
But be thankful that this Wu-ship is alive and
with us yet.

With his baggy alien breeches
And his after-dinner speeches,
With his views on Western Women, whom
he thinks "a trifle plain."

With his close investigation
And his style of conversation,
Which is somewhat reminiscent of Confucius
and Mao Tse-tun.

So it's pip-pip, happy-vi, Wu Ting-Fang,
Healthy Chinese Dragon with a real New England
twang;
China's rising may come later,
But you're sure an up-to-date-
With a Teddy Roosevelt flourish, Mr. Wu Ting-
Fang!

—Collier's Weekly.

How TO BE BEAUTIFUL—Keep your com-
plexion, Mrs. Allen's Creme Chamois, Lait
Chamois and Special Skin Tonic and Poudre
Chamois will enable you to do it. It is
Specialties for the Skin are the study of a
famous—A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Sole Agents
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SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Edoh Georg & Co. say in their weekly
Share report dated 18th January, 1908:—Dur-
ing the week under review our market has ruled
very dull, and hardly any business has been
transacted. The sterling demand rate of
exchange on London closes at 1s 10-15/16d.,
while rates on Shanghai are 1s. 7 1/4 for a Bank
T/T, and 1s. 7 1/4 to 1s. 7 1/4 for a three days'
sight Private Bill. Consols are quoted 83 1/2,
while Baresilver in London closes at 25 1/2. The
Bank of London rate of discount has been
reduced to 5 per cent, while the market rate of
discount is 4 per cent.

BANK SHARES.—Small lots of Hongkong
and Shanghai sold at 37 1/2 to 37 3/4 for old and
37 1/2 for new shares, but since the declaration
of the half-yearly dividend the market has
weakened, and the quotation for old shares is
now 37 1/2, and for new shares 37 3/4; the London
rates being 27 1/2 and 27 3/4, 10s. 0d. respectively;
Nationals sold at 35 1/2.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—A few
United, changed hands at 32 1/2, but finally
32 1/2 has been accepted again, at which figure
shares can be placed. Other stocks under this
heading are unchanged and without sales.

FRUIT INSURANCE SHARES.—Hongkong
have been placed at 33 1/2 and more shares are in
demand. China have been done at 35.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao
have ruled steadily, selling at rates ruling
between 3 1/2 and 3 3/4, and closing with further
sellers at 3 1/2. Indo-China, on receipt of the
news of the loss of the Company's s.s. Y. Wang,
have weakened, and are procurable at 3 1/2 (3 1/2
for preferred and 3 1/2 for deferred shares), the
Shanghai rate being 1s. 5 1/2, while
London rates are unchanged; we hear that the
s.s. Y. Wang is fully covered by insurance.

Clinas and Manilas are neglected at 15, and
Dunghans are quiet at 5 1/2. Shell Transports
have buyers at 4 1/2; the London rate having
advanced to 4s. 2d. Other stocks under this
heading are unchanged.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have improved
further, closing with buyers at 31 1/2, and sellers
31 1/2, after a reported sale at 31 1/2. Luzons are
unchanged.

MINING SHARES.—Charbonnages are un-
changed. Reunis have sellers at 3 1/2, and Chinese
Engineering and Mining Company Shares sellers
at 1 1/2.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS, &c.—
Hongkong and Whampoa Docks, after small
sales at 3 1/2 and 3 3/4, can be placed to a small
extent at the higher figure. Fenwick's, as well
as New Amoy Docks, are unchanged. Shanghai
Docks advanced to buyers in the North at 1s. 7 1/2,
but according to our last night's wire the
market is easier again with sellers at that
figure; sales at 1s. 7 1/2 for end of March are also
reported; Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves
sold in small parcels at 35 1/2 to 35 3/4 for old shares
and 35 3/4 to 35 3/4 for new shares, closing with
further sellers at the higher rates. Shanghai
and Hongkong Wharves are also easier in the
north with no buyers over 1s. 2 1/2.

LANDS, FORTS & BUILDINGS.—Hongkong
Lands sold at 37 1/2 and 38, and have
buyers now at 37 1/2; Hongkong Land Reclaim-
ation Company shares are nominal
at 150; Kowloon Lands are
on offer at 33 1/2. West Point is quiet at 35;
Hongkong Hotels sold and can be placed at 104.
Hampshire's Estate Shares changed owners at
310 and 314 1/2, and have further buyers at the
lower figure; Shanghai Lands are quoted in
the north 1s. 10 1/2.

COTTON MILLS.—Shanghai quotations are:
Brook 1s. 59 sales; Internationals 1s. 52
buyers; Loon Kung Mow 1s. 65 buyers;
Soyohas 1s. 70 sales; Hongkong Cottons
remain on offer at 110, without finding buyers.

SUNDRY MANUFACTURING COMPANIES.—
A few Dairy Farms found purchasers at 37,
but more shares are on offer. Green Island
Cements have been done at 11 1/2 and 11 1/2; there
are further buyers at the lower, but further
sellers at the higher rate. In other stocks
under this heading nothing has transpired and
quotations are unchanged.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China-Burmese have been
done at 10 1/2. China Providents has been
placed at 34, but there are no buyers at that rate; A. S.
Watsons have improved slightly, and can be
placed at 10 1/2. In other stocks under this
heading no change has to be reported.

INTIMATIONS

S. MOUTRIE
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